

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING

October 6, 2011

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:00 pm in the Community Room of the North Haven Memorial Library, 17 Elm Street, North Haven, CT.

Members Present

First Selectman, Michael J. Freda
Second Selectman, Timothy M. Doheny
Third Selectman, Stephen A. Fontana

Mr. Freda introduced himself and Selectmen Doheny and Fontana, and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Public Comments relative to the agenda

Mr. Doheny motioned to approve the minutes of the Regular Board of Selectmen's Meeting of September 7, 2011

Voted: Freda – yes, Doheny – yes, Fontana – yes

Mr. Doheny motioned to approve the minutes of the Special Board of Selectmen's Meeting of September 21, 2011

Voted: Freda – yes, Doheny – yes, Fontana – yes

Correspondence – none

Mr. Freda stated that we have two presentations this evening. Mr. Freda explained that we have been working very closely with the Pfizer Corporation on the long term remediation of the Upjohn Property and it has been a pleasure working with them on this project. He also advised that the second presentation would be by the North Haven Historical Society regarding a concept that they would like to present to the Board and the public.

Pfizer Presentation – Mr. Russ Downey provided a very comprehensive update regarding the Upjohn site. The remedy was approved in 2010, and they have been doing a lot of detail design work since that time. He also introduced Nick Andreopoulos, the project manager and Elaine Richardson of Vita Nuova who has also been involved in the process. He provided the history of the site, the remedy process and the overall project goals. He also advised that information can be obtained on the website: www.upjohnnorthhaven.com. Mr. Andreopoulos detailed the key components of the approved remedy, 2011 – 2012 activities, community relations, key contacts and project schedule. With approval from Mr. Doheny and Mr. Fontana, Mr. Freda opened the floor to questions. Several residents posed questions answered by the Pfizer representatives. Mr. Freda thanked them for attending the meeting.

Historical Society Presentation - Bob Iverson, President of the NH Historical Society, Steven J. Nugent, and Ann Clark gave a presentation regarding a Stay of Demolition for historic properties in Town. They each spoke to the concerns of losing historical property in Town before there has been an opportunity to document the buildings and homes. They explained the Stay of Demolition Process. They would like to see a future ordinance developed and adopted by the Town that would provide a stay of demolition- a period of time where the owner of an historic property has to wait before demolishing or altering the structure so that the property can be documented. They provided a very thorough explanation of the purpose

and process. Mr. Iverson noted that at this time the Historical Society is preserving homes in North Haven by documenting their architecture, historic value and significance to the Town of North Haven. None of this would be possible if homes are destroyed quickly. The Stay of Demolition Ordinance would prevent that from happening. The Selectmen all agreed that documenting the information on homes in Town would be important to the history of North Haven. There were some questions from the public that were addressed. They invited residents to visit their website.

Selectman's Overview

Mr. Freda provided a brief overview on three topics. He stated that with regard to Yale New Haven Hospital, the State has rejected Yale's CON for a facility in North Haven, including emergency, geriatric, pediatric, and radiology. The next course of action will be Yale reapplying for a CON, rather than filing an appeal. They feel that they will be better able to address and review the objections from the State in a reapplication. Mr. Freda noted that earlier in the week he had to attend a mayor's meeting in New Haven. The traffic was backed up to exit 9 and it took him 52 minutes to get there. There were no accidents, just congestion. He could not help but wonder what would have happened if this was an emergency situation and he was trying to get to the hospital. The Town is committed to Yale, and Yale is committed to the Town. He is optimistic and will not give up on the project.

Secondly Mr. Freda noted that on Saturday, October 15th the Town will be hosting the Show and Sell at the North Haven High School. He encouraged residents to attend the event and visit the many North Haven businesses and organizations and see what they have to offer.

Lastly, Mr. Freda provided an update on the post office. He noted that since January 2010 when we had began our discussions with representatives of the post office he has found this to be a very cumbersome process. Nationally, the post office is now in billions of dollars in the red. The North Haven Post Office has now renewed their long term lease with a short term lease. There is going to be a public meeting for the residents on October 13th from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm at the Rec Center regarding the consolidation of offices. Mr. Freda encouraged residents to attend the meeting.

Mr. Freda asked Stacey Yarbrough, Town Clerk to provide an overview of the resolution on this evening's agenda. Ms. Yarbrough explained that in response to Connecticut Public Act 11-46, the Town is responsible for putting emergency plans in place with regard to maintaining the integrity of elections, primaries and referenda. She went into detail explaining the Act and Plan.

Mr. Doheny and Mr. Fontana read the following resolution:

RESOLUTION: Town of North Haven's Emergency Election Contingency Plan(s)

WHEREAS, Connecticut Public Act 11-46, an Act Concerning the Integrity of Elections, requires that the registrars of voters of each Connecticut municipality, in conjunction with the Town Clerk, create an emergency contingency plan for elections, primaries and referenda to be held within such municipality;

WHEREAS, the North Haven registrars of voters and Town Clerk have developed an emergency contingency plan that will provide solutions for election ballot shortages, as well as strategies for addressing a shortage or absence of poll workers, a loss of power, a fire or fire alarm within a polling place, voting machine malfunctions, and weather or other natural disasters, the need to remove and replace a poll worker or Moderator, and disorder in or around the polling place;

WHEREAS, the emergency contingency plan developed by the registrars of voters and Town Clerk meet the requirements of Public Act 11-46, it is hereby RESOLVED that said plan is adopted and approved and such plan shall remain on file with the Town Clerk until such plan is amended by the registrars of voters, in consultation with the Town Clerk and upon approval of the Board of Selectmen.

Mr. Doheny motioned to approve the Resolution as presented.

Voted: Freda – yes, Doheny – yes, Fontana – yes

Resignations and Appointments – There were no resignations or appointments. Mr. Freda did mention that we recently passed the Blight Ordinance and that calls for a three member Blight Prevention Appeals Board. He has been approached by two individuals interested in serving and asked Mr. Doheny and Mr. Fontana to collaborate on the third appointment. Anyone interested in serving should send their letter of interest and resume to the Selectman's Office.

Bond Releases / Reductions –

- 1411 Mount Carmel Avenue, Cheryl A. Koczak, release the entire bond balance of \$2,500.00 with the recommendation of the Inland Wetlands Commission.
- 300 Sackett Point Road, The Granite Group Wholesalers, LLC, release the entire bond balance of \$50,000.00 with the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission.
- 393 State Street, H. Pearce Company, release the entire bond balance of \$50,000.00 with the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission.
- 301-303 State Street, 301-303 State Street Real Estate, LLC, release the entire bond balance in the amount of \$10,000.00

Mr. Doheny motioned to accept the bond releases.

Voted: Freda – yes, Doheny – yes, Fontana – yes

Property Tax Refunds –

- Barletta, Robin M, 1748 Shower Tree Way, Wellington, FL 33414, in the amount of \$104.59
- Binkoski, Timothy or Patricia, 9 Larson Drive, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$30.63.
- Chase Auto Finance Corp, Box 901098, Fort Worth, TX 76101, in the amount of \$171.84.
- Daimler Trust, 13650 Heritage Parkway, Fort Worth, TX 76177, in the amount of \$659.04.
- DeMaio, Michael, 49 Bradley Street, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$9.50.
- Emkay Inc. Trust, 805 W Thorndale Avenue, Itasca, IL 60143, in the amount of \$103.32.
- Fifth Third Auto Lease Trust, 5001 Kingsley Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45236, in the amount of \$191.89.
- Financial Ser Veh Trust, 5550 Britton Parkway, Hilliard, OH 43026, in the amount of \$396.62, and in the amount of \$243.74, and in the amount of \$176.76, and in the amount of \$123.54, and in the amount of \$247.08, and in the amount of \$206.08, and in the amount of \$658.22, and in the amount of \$329.62.
- Honda Lease Trust, 600 Kelly Way, Holyoke, MA 01040-9681, in the amount of \$66.40, and in the amount of \$147.96, and in the amount of \$246.82, and in the amount of \$119.21, and in the amount of \$158.81, and in the amount of \$189.49, and in the amount of \$66.40, and in the amount of \$59.48.
- Hungerfords Inc, 303 State Street, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$23.81.
- Hyun, Heesuk, 769 Middletown Avenue, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of

\$79.46

- Innocenti, Joelle M, 43 Manor Drive, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$509.86.
- James D. Young Co Inc., 1 Corporate Drive, North Haven, CT 06473 in the amount of \$38.03.
- Kieslich, Heather, 97 Meadow Street, Wallingford, CT 06492, in the amount of \$40.85.
- Martin, Henry J or Martin, Mary, 55 Tennyson Avenue, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$9.87.
- Monico, Richard or Monico, John R., 23 Sachem Drive, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$64.62
- Nanfeldt, Sally J, 82 Pool Road, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$31.53.
- Nissan Infiniti LT, Box 254648, Sacramento, CA 95865, in the amount of \$322.46 and in the amount of \$50.03.
- Palombo, Patrice K, Palombo Richard L CA, 121 Elm Street, Floor 3, New Haven, CT 06510-2060, in the amount of \$367.05.
- Peralta, Joel, 9 Pez Court, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$20.01.
- Polinsky, William K, 145 Kings Highway, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$55.23, and in the amount of \$234.72.
- Russo, George K or Russo, Mary B, 11 Donmar Court, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$70.44, and in the amount of \$78.54.
- Steinle, Raymond, 96 Sentinel Hill Road, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$144.25.
- Tenedine, Joan M, 14 Hilltop Terrace, North Haven, CT 06473 in the amount of \$71.66.
- Toyota Motor Credit Corp, Box 105386, Atlanta, GA 30348, in the amount of \$61.57, and in the amount of \$101.19, and in the amount of \$162.69, and in the amount of \$50.74.
- Volpe, Francesca E, 26 Grandview Terrace, North Haven, CT 06473 in the amount of \$406.23.
- Wheels LT, 666 Garland Place, Des Plaines, IL 60016, in the amount of \$153.78.

Mr. Doheny motioned to accept the property tax refunds as presented.

Voted: Freda – yes, Doheny – yes, Fontana – yes

Mr. Freda stated that the next meeting of the Board of Selectmen will be on Thursday, November 3, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the community room of the North Haven Memorial Library, 17 Elm Street, North Haven, CT.

Mr. Doheny announced that the North Haven Substance Abuse Action Council is sponsoring a 4 week program, Courageous Parenting 101, for parents on October 18th and 25th and November 1st and 15th at 7:00 pm at the North Haven Middle School.

Public Comment – Brian Testa, Maple Avenue commented regarding the rejection of the Yale Hospital facility and inquired about the MRI at Quinnipiac and if that had a bearing on the State's decision and if so, it is in a school and not accessible to the public. Mr. Freda stated that he feels that Yale's intention to reapply is the proper course of action and does not believe there is any scanning being conducted at the Quinnipiac North Haven campus. Mr. Testa had some questions about the bonding and the current debt structure, and how the Town will be affected if we did pass the \$14 million bond package vs if we did not. Mr. Freda explained it using various scenarios. Mr. Testa also stated that he checked into the comment that Quinnipiac paid for Hamden's Fire House number 5. Mr. Testa contacted Mayor Jackson and found that was not accurate information. He discussed it a little further.

Alan Sturtz, Hartley Street, stated that he was Town Clerk in 2008 and he can verify that in volume 7 of Town Meetings, it is recorded that there was in fact an Annual meeting on May

11, 2007 and May 12, 2008. He is concerned how something can be reinstated when it was never taken away. Mr. Freda stated that in September of 2009 he believes there was no Annual Meeting.

Charles Wicklein, Hartford Turnpike, stated he was working for Bristol Meyers eight years ago and they significantly contributed to the cost of a fire truck. Mr. Freda commented that Bristol Meyers is a publicly traded company and Quinnipiac is not. There is a huge distinction between the two. However, he is continuing his discussions with Quinnipiac and is confident that Quinnipiac will become integral to the fabric of North Haven. Mr. Wicklein asked if contracts will be altered to prevent individuals from receiving pensions if convicted of a felony. Mr. Freda stated that we have to comply with state statutes and possible restrictions as to municipal pensions. Mr. Wicklein asked about bonding for the middle school. Mr. Freda stated that the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, which monitors school building across the state, visited the school in May and they will be delivering a report of their findings. Mr. Wicklein also had some questions about the Fire Department renovations. Mr. Freda advised he contact the Chief and he will provide him with the detail. The discussion continued on bonding and capital improvements.

Mr. Sonazzaro, Elm Street, expressed his feelings that we do not need volunteer fire houses and that the central fire headquarters can service the Town. Mr. Freda explained that the Town has the choice when they vote.

John Heeran, Debra Lane, thinks the volunteers serve a vital role in Town in conjunction with the paid department.

Susan Benvenuti, Basset Road, related her opinions regarding the volunteers and feels they are important to the community.

Donna Spose, Grandview Terrace, expressed her thoughts regarding the fire houses and feels we need all of our locations, volunteer and paid. It is impossible to predict when fires and calls come in and we need all the firehouses we have.

Gary Amato, Pool Road, wants to know who decides when we have the referendum, and what is the rush. Why can't we wait and be shovel ready and go for the grant and if we don't get it, then bring it to referendum. Mr. Freda does not see it as a rush and we will not begin until next year, and noted that you have to be shovel ready to apply, but that does not mean you will get the grant. Mr. Doheny stated that of course we would want to utilize grants, but what does shovel ready mean. We would most likely need plans and a lot of work up front to get to shovel ready. He said we would have to find this out. Mr. Freda interjected that this is really a three year plan. This \$14 million would be over a three year period and allows us the flexibility to still apply for grants and we do not have to spend the bond money if we don't need it. Mr. Fontana added that he thinks the Town has been successful in the past in getting grant monies. The discussion continued.

John Heeran stated that this is not new. Chief O'Bier had plans started 25 years ago.

Sherman Katz, Sherwood Drive, wondered where we were on the Sackett Point Road project. Mr. Freda noted that it is a \$12 million project and the state is funding about 95%. Mr. Katz stated that he feels it is unlikely that the State will sell back the Gateway property. He also noted that he does not feel that Quinnipiac is a good friend to the Town and they should contribute more in light of receiving Town services. He also commented on crumbling streets that people complain about, and feels that we are fortunate compared to other countries. Regarding the fire houses, can we do it with less. He also wondered if the reasons the State

denied Yale would be made public. Mr. Freda noted he can call Valerie in his office for the name and number of the State representative and he will fax it. Mr. Doheny stated you can actually view it on the State's website.

Charles Wicklein, stated that he feels the Valley Service Road to nowhere is dead based on what he is learning that it is costing to remediate Upjohn, it will be costly to clean up Pratt and Whitney. Mr. Freda explained that he disagrees and said that the Pratt and Whitney remediation will be handled separately from the Town by the DEP. He continues to talk with Mr. Rabina and feels there will be something down the road. He also asked if he can repeal the bond to the road to no where. Mr. Freda said he is not sure if he petitioned if it could be overturned, and if he is interested he should do the research. Mr. Doheny said there could be a bond issued and sitting on the books that doesn't get used.

Pat Nuzzolillo, Mansfield Road, Fire Commissioner, advised that there are seven to eight firefighters on a shift and the volunteers support the paid fire fighters. He discussed the conditions of the fire houses and noted that the schedule of open houses is posted on the website and urged residents to go and visit them. He discussed the topic in further detail.

Gary Amato commented that he thinks this meeting tonight was a good one and productive with pros and cons. He reminded the townspeople that back when the school was voted on, people complained, but didn't vote. He said this is their opportunity to voice their opinion by their vote.

Adjournment – Mr. Doheny motioned to adjourn at 9:15 pm.
Voted: Freda – yes, Doheny – yes, Fontana – yes